

U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (MO-08) this evening voted in opposition to a Continuing Resolution bill which would add .6 percent to federal spending levels for the first six months of FY 2013. The vote comes in advance of a September 30th deadline to set appropriations for the federal government.

"Unfortunately, this bill ignores the hard work on the part of many members of Congress to make serious reductions to the size of the federal bureaucracy and the deficit spending which has come to characterize this Administration," Emerson said.

As Chair of the House Subcommittee on Financial Services Appropriations, Emerson has written a bill to cut substantial sums from the Internal Revenue Service, the General Services Administration, and dozens of federal agencies. Now, Emerson says, those same elements of the federal bureaucracy will actually see funding increase in the next fiscal year.

"A basic element of accountability is enforced by Congress through spending cuts. When agencies like GSA waste a million dollars of taxpayer money on a ridiculous conference with clowns, mind-readers and thousands of dollars in food and favors, it is vital that we point to their bad example and say – there is something wrong here. They have too much money. Some form of discipline is called for. Under a CR, there is no accountability and no spending reduction. This measure takes all the cuts these agencies deserved and puts them right back," Emerson said. "Even worse, this CR continues to spend taxpayers' money at the pace of trillion-dollar deficits. I cannot justify choosing this course of action over a measured approach with thoughtful spending reductions."